

Local radio stations grant 2008 “Year of Service” awards

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The Citadel Broadcasting radio stations in New Hampshire have awarded the 21st annual “Year of Service” awards for 2008 to four nonprofit community organizations.

At a recent awards luncheon hosted by Citadel radio stations WOKQ 97.5FM, WPKQ 103.7 FM, and The SHARK 105.3 & 102.1 FM at their Dover broadcast center, the NH Food Bank received this year’s grand prize award of \$100,000 in year-long public-service announcements, along with promotional and marketing support. The NH Food Bank helps to solicit and distribute food products to a statewide network of 350 agencies.

Three regional “Year of Service” awards valued at up to \$20,000 each in in-kind public service and promotional support were also awarded. They include:

WOKQ-FM’s regional award to the Cocheco Valley Humane Society in Dover, working to make possible a better world for all animals by providing shelter, educating the community about humane care and treatment, advocating animal welfare, and promoting the human-animal bond;

The SHARK 105.3 & 102.1 FM regional award went to **The Housing Partnership** in Portsmouth, providing quality affordable housing and related services to low and moderate-income residents;

And WPKQ-FM’s regional award went to Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth (ChaD) in Hanover, New Hampshire’s only children’s hospital.

Now in its 21st year of operation, the Citadel “Year of Service” is an intensive 12-month broadcast and marketing program designed to make a significant contribution to local non-profit organizations. Past recipients have included the NH Chapter of the National Heart Association, DAV New Hampshire and the Big Brother/Big Sister Alliance.

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